

"Now, in my view of the present aspect of affairs, there need be no bloodshed and war. There is no necessity for it. I am not in favor of such a course, and I may say, in advance, that there will be no bloodshed unless it be forced upon the Government, and then it will be compelled to act in self-defense.

"My friends, this is wholly an unexpected speech, and I did not expect to be called upon to say a word when I came here. I supposed it was merely to do something toward raising the flag. I may, therefore, have said something indiscreet. I have said nothing but what I am willing to live by, and, if it be the pleasure of Almighty God, die by."

It is impossible to compare any situation we, as a Nation, are in today with a battle between families, brothers, sisters, and Americans that was the American Civil War. I am not attempting today in any way to do so. With that being said, the words of President Lincoln in his second inaugural address, which I am about ready to read, is an inspiration, I think, and should be to all of us.

"With malice toward none with charity for all with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right let us strive on to finish the work we are in to bind up the Nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish just and lasting peace amongst ourselves and all nations."

□ 1215

TRIBUTE TO DR. EILEEN LANGDON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. ROUZER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROUZER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Eileen Langdon of Johnston County, North Carolina. Following more than 30 years working as a distinguished veterinarian at Willowrun Veterinary Hospital in Smithfield, Dr. Langdon is retiring.

In the words of Dr. Langdon, she "felt called to serve the ones in our world who seemingly have no voice. The ones who need an advocate." As a devoted Christian, God's plan led her to Auburn University where she received her degree in veterinary medicine in 1986.

She joined the Willowrun Veterinary family and healthcare team as an associate veterinarian in 1990 and became a partner at the practice in 2007. Dr. Langdon is cherished by her colleagues. Her many years of hard work and expertise, without a doubt, have built a lasting legacy of exceptional service, as well as mentorship to other women in the profession that will provide a lasting influence.

Though she will be retiring from Willowrun with a tremendous record of achievement, she will be moving on to

do what she loves, working full-time on the family farm with her husband and three children. The Langdon family farm is a third generation farm in the McGees Crossroads community—a family I know quite well—not all that far from my own family's farm. Like all of our wonderful farm families, preserving natural resources is always their top priority as they grow crops and livestock.

In addition to her veterinarian career and working on the family farm, Dr. Langdon served for 10 years as a member of the Johnston County Board of Health. She has been an active church member, and she has received recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow through the Rotary Club of Central Johnston County for her years of service to the community. Dr. Langdon and her husband are also inducted members of the Johnston County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

I commend and thank Dr. Langdon for her many years of service to our community, State, and country. May God continue to bless her path and that of the Langdon family.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE CRAIG OLIVE

Mr. ROUZER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to my friend, Craig Olive, who has served as Johnston County Register of Deeds since December 2002.

Craig found a love for politics at an early age, and he assisted many local and statewide candidates by putting up signs as a young boy. During his involvement as a volunteer for the Johnston County Republican Party, he helped bring rise to the Republican Party in Johnston County in eastern North Carolina.

Beyond politics and his own service as register of deeds, he has served his community in a variety of ways and he continues to do so. He is a past member of the Board of Advisors for the Paul A. Johnston Auditorium and Johnston Community College, a past member of the Capital Campaign for the Johnston County Heritage Center Community, and a past member of the Johnston County Tourism Board—just to name a few.

He also helped spearhead an annual ceremony remembering those who have lost their lives to dementia and honoring those currently living with dementia as well as their caregivers. Even long before these contributions and his election to office, Craig was awarded the Long Leaf Pine, an award that is bestowed on North Carolinians, the highest civilian honor the State bestows.

During his tenure as Johnston County Register of Deeds, Craig has had tremendous accomplishments implementing major improvements in automation, technology, and customer service. His office was the first Register of Deeds office in North Carolina to electronically record documents, and the first office in the Nation to electronically record a survey map.

He has worked tirelessly to ensure that the county's history is preserved

and secure within his office while performing the duties of his office under budget. He has returned \$4.1 million to the county, which is a tremendous savings to Johnston County taxpayers.

Mr. Olive also worked with me during my time in the North Carolina Senate to introduce a bill to improve identity theft protection. This bill became law in 2009 and was a direct result of his great efforts.

In 2016, Craig implemented a Thank A Vet program to assist veterans by providing them with an ID. An added benefit of this program is that it allows for better safekeeping of veterans' military discharge papers.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, his office has faced many challenges, yet he has been determined to remain open to assist our citizens. He continues to lead the way in providing the highest level of efficiency, productivity, innovation, and service to the people of Johnston County in North Carolina.

Thank you, Craig, for your commitment to your family, your neighbors, and to the citizens of Johnston County and beyond.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CARSON) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God our creator, we pray this day that in Your immeasurable mercy, You would look favorably upon us. We bow our heads to our hearts and pray for compassion for the needs You call us to attend and for awareness to the burdens borne by the fellow servants we serve alongside.

Give us this day a spirit of wisdom and understanding. May the eyes of our hearts be enlightened to the hope to which You call us. May our wills be open and receptive to accomplish the tasks You would have us do. May our spirits be keen to share Your love with all those we encounter.

Lord, You have blessed us richly with a remarkable legacy. May we acknowledge that glorious inheritance of faith with lives worthy of the mantle of responsibility You have laid upon us.

Give us the courage to live into Your grace plan for us this day. We pray this in the strength of Your holy name.